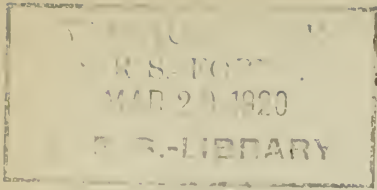


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Mr. E. A. Miller, Field Agent and Agriculturist of the Office of Extension Work, South, has already done much to vitalize the work of Agriculture in our rural schools by his monthly sequence plan in the presentation of lesson topics at the seasons when they should be practiced. Again his words are full of understanding when he elsewhere states:

"The best way to teach is along the line in which every boy and girl, every man and woman is most interested, and the work must always be demonstrative rather than academic. Our schools are inefficient to the extent that they depart from this rule. Teach by doing and along the line of common needs.

Develop a local leader through organization from among the most progressive of the people..... Organization has ever been necessary to the economic existence of the human race, through the family, the tribe, the state, the national economic needs have been met best through organization..... We do not advocate breaking down established business organizations, but sometimes it is necessary to organize in order to fight. The man or woman who best serves self usually best serves every body else. Our whole democracy is rooted in the soil, hence we should get together to a considerable extent and eventually act together as one unit for common good."

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COUNTY AGENT AND HOME DEMONSTRATION MEETINGS ETC.
COLLEGE SHORT COURSES AND FAIRS.

Director R. S. Wilson of Mississippi advises that the regional conference as agreed to in Chicago will be held at the Great Southern Hotel, Gulfport, Miss. Dec. 17 to 19th. The names of those who expect to attend should be sent to Director Wilson, at Agricultural College, Miss. at once, with hour of arrival if possible.

Dr. Knapp also states to the Extension Directors in regard to the victories of the South at the International Livestock Exposition as follows:

"We take the greatest pride in these victories and rejoice with you at the South's progress in Livestock."

The South won four grand championships at the International Livestock Exposition consisting of two prizes for Tennessee and one each for the states of Georgia and Florida. The Texas College Team was first in the student's judging contest, and the Texas Club Boys second by one point in the non-collegiate judging contest. All lovers of the Southland extend hearty thanks to the leaders of this movement for the great betterment of the South.

At the Farm Bureau Federation held in Chicago November 12th to 14th "A constitution was drawn up and adopted, the enacting clause of which states that it shall become effective when ratified by the states organizations. On March 3rd, 1920, the states which have ratified will be called to a meeting to complete the organization and elect permanent officers. The executive committee of the temporary organization for the Southern States was Gray Silver of Martinsburg, West Virginia, J. W. Morton of Athens, Georgia, and Geo. Bishop of Ardmore, Oklahoma."

At the International Livestock Exposition held in Chicago from November 29th to December 6th, a meeting was held to perfect the permanent organization of the Cooperative Livestock Shippers.

Mr. C. H. Alvord, Agriculturist and Field Agent in this Office, in charge of the states of Oklahoma and Texas, has sent in his resignation to take effect December 1st. He will now reside in San Antonio, Texas, and still give the agricultural world the benefit of his services in a different line. Many are the friends that deplore the great loss this Office has sustained.

It is well to mention at this time that Mr. E. Gentry, formerly of this Office has resigned as District Agent of Texas and accepted the position as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Tyler, Texas.

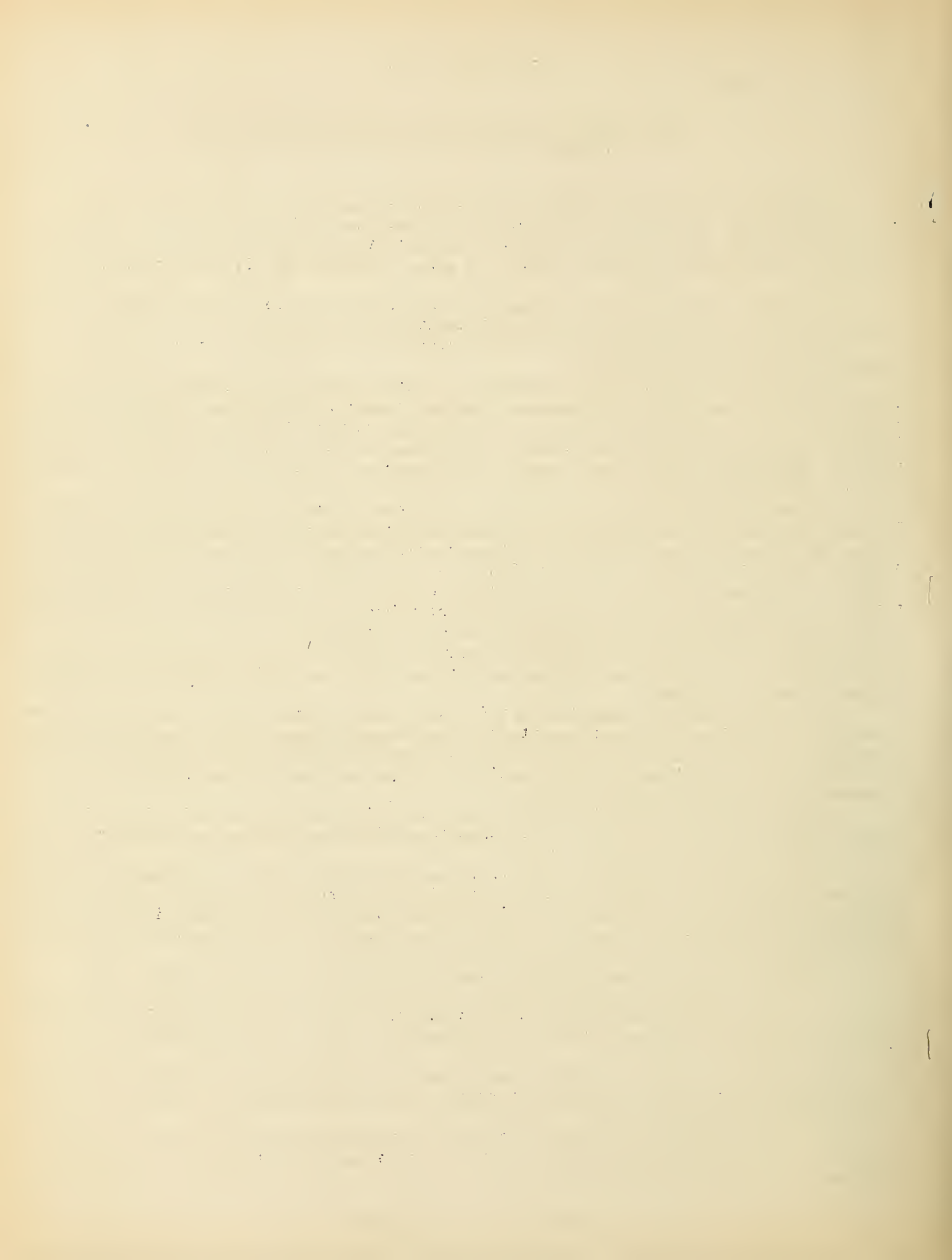
Mr. O. H. Benson has taken charge of the Club Work in the New England and Middle Atlantic States with headquarters in Springfield, Massachusetts. The States Relations Service rejoices to learn of Mr. Benson's good fortune as he will be the instrument of great advancement for the work. His presence will be sorely missed in the city of Washington as well as by his many friends in the Service.

Mr. Horace A. Moses will also be most active with Mr. Benson in this work.

Mr. J. A. Evans, Assistant Chief of this Office was present on "Boll Weevil Day" at Sumter, South Carolina where he made an address. "First Aid" takes the liberty of stating that this argues well for the improvement of the cotton situation in this state.

Mr. Harry E. Allen, Associate Professor in Animal Industry at Purdue University has resigned to become Assistant Secretary of the Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association, Kansas City, Missouri.

An International Conference of Teachers' Organizations is to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, February 24th to 29th, under the auspices of the National Educational Association of the United States.



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Mr. W. G. Edens, Assistant Secretary of the Central Trust Company of Chicago, will succeed Mr. O. N. Sams on the Agricultural Commission. Mr. Sams is to serve as a representative from Ohio to the Executive council of the American Bankers' Association.

Mention should certainly be made of the three months Winter Dairy Course in Wisconsin which began on November 4th. A Representative will be sent from Virginia and Kentucky.

The far but progressive West reports that blackleg vaccine is being used more and more. They say "We can not afford to take risk now that the permanent immunity can be secured by a single treatment."

ALABAMA.

In the month of January the Alabama State Agricultural College is planning to offer a training course for the prospective Home Demonstration Workers.

The Southern Cattlemen's Association will meet at Montgomery, January 28th to 30th, 1920.

Miss. Keown of this Office will bring to the attention of all agents at Gulfport, Miss. "The Home Beautification Work" as taken up by the community in Talledega county. This county has been organized in the Home Demonstration Work for four years and has so progressed until this phase of the work can now be taken up with successful thoroughness.

ARKANSAS.

Farmers' Week will be held at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, from December 15th to 20th. The Dean of the College, Dr. Martin Nelson, is preparing an interesting program. Among other features, the Director of the Ohio Experiment Station will discuss "Soil Fertility and the effect of Fertilizers."

The Annual Meeting of the State Horticultural Society, the Shorthorn Breeders' Association, the Poultry Association and the Swine Breeders' Association will be held during the week beginning December 15th.

The "Extension Cooperator" state five club boys of Arkansas attended the International Livestock Show at Chicago from November 20th to December 6th.

FLORIDA.

The Annual ten day Short Course for Farmers will be held at the College of Agriculture at Gainesville from January 6, to 17, 1920. Four Courses will be held:

1st. Course in Animal Husbandry and General Agriculture. 2nd. Course in Poultry Husbandry. 3rd. Course in Citrus Culture and Spraying Machinery. 4th. Course in Tractors and Farm Machinery. Catalogues will be issued on request by the Dean of the College of Agriculture.

The date has not yet been given for the 4th Annual meeting of the Florida State Engineering Society to be held at Tampa.

A regular Boys' Short Course in Agriculture will be held at the College of Agriculture the first week in December. County Agent W. L. Watson and the State Boys' Club Agent G. L. Herrington have been informed by the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce that all boys in the Duval County Pig Club who submit reports of their work will be given this course, all expenses paid.

The 8th Annual Convention of the Florida State Livestock Association will be held in Orlando on December 10th, 11th and 12th. Professor C. V. Piper of Washington will be present and discuss the "Grasses of Florida."

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Miss Madge Reese of this Office attended the Jacksonville fair to view the Exhibits and be present at the conference with the Home Demonstration Workers. Miss Edith Thomas, Supervisor of the Smith-Hughes work in the state held this convention and requested Miss Reese to make an address during the conference of the Smith-Hughes Teachers held at Jacksonville.

The Osceola School trustees have had \$100 appropriated for the equipment of a Home Demonstration room in their school building.

A Sweet potato Growers' Association has been organized at Laurel Hill, Okaloosa county. A bureau of information and marketing has been also established.

GEORGIA.

A meeting of the Association of the Southern Agricultural Workers will be held at Atlanta from February 24th to 26th. A program will be issued early in that month.

Geo. O. Marshall, County Agent of Sumter county, announces the sale of more than \$150,000.00 worth of hogs since February last. \$64,402.68 of this amount was received by farmers selling at Cooperative Sales. These farmers realized considerable additional profit by selling in this manner.

KENTUCKY.

The regular Annual Short Courses in Agriculture and Home Economics offered by the College of Agriculture will be held for fifteen weeks from November 3rd to February 27th

District Agent, Mr. F. E. Merriman took an active part in the Tri-State Farm Products Show just held at Cincinnati, Ohio. County Agent Gordon of Henderson county reports that the recent Farm Bureau Membership Campaign has been a wonderful success. A Membership of about 600 and with visions of this soon expanding to one thousand.

LOUISIANA.

A meeting of the Parish Home Demonstration Agents will be held at Baton Rouge from November 17 to December 13. Four weeks of Special training will be given the agents. At this meeting Miss Ola Powell will give demonstrations in fancy packing of fruit and vegetables and Miss Wessling will give special instructions in bread making.

Dr. Bradford Knapp is urged to be present at this meeting.

Mr. M. M. LeCroix has been appointed assistant to Mr. J. B. Francioni, jr., Specialist in Charge of Swine Work.

Miss Caroline Boudreaux of Lafayette reports that the people of Broussard are asking for a Dairy Club organization and the women begging specially for a meat demonstration to be held in the fall.

The position of Manager of the Agricultural Bureau maintained by the Association of Commerce in New Orleans was declined by Professor W. R. Dodson.

The winner of the Corn Club prize for Louisiana is Olaf Haile.

MARYLAND.

There will be a meeting of the 47th Annual Session of the Maryland State Grange to be held at Chestertown from December 8 to 11.

The Sweet Corn Growers' Association of Frederick county and the Frederick county Farmers' Association will hold a joint meeting December 6th.

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MISSISSIPPI.

"Civilized man can not live without cooks."

Prominence is due the name of Miss Ethel Baxter Smith, winner of the premier prize at the great State Wide Bread Contest held at Jackson, Mississippi, from October 20 to 25. Miss Smith, a lass of fifteen years and a member of Class B on account of having received only home training, was awarded a handsome loving cup at the State Fair of Mississippi. This prize was but a small tribute extended to hands rendered more than beautiful through her services to her state.

A meeting of all Directors of Extension, State Agents (men and women) and the Officials of the Washington Office will be held at Gulfport, December 17, 18, 19. Headquarters, the Great Southern Hotel.

A Creamery Short Course will be held at the A. & M. College from December 3 to March 3, 1920. No tuition charged.

Miss Ola Powell states that the girls who made the highest all round records, including gardening and canning work, are awarded a prize consisting of a trip to Washington to visit the divisions of the Department of Agriculture cooperating with the Extension Division. These prizes are awarded according to districts and there will probably be as many as eight girls to receive them and visit Washington chaperoned by one or two agents. These prize winners are interested in securing all the information they can apply to the different lines of their work. One of the most beautiful features of this work is the feeling of responsibility engendered among the workers to take back all information gained to pass on to the parties less fortunate than themselves.

As yet no announcement has been made of the successor to Mr. C. A. Cobb, Assistant Director of the Boys' Club Work, who resigned to become editor in chief of the Southern Ruralist, a magazine published in Atlanta, Georgia. His resignation is a great blow to the state.

Miss Susie V. Powell is planning to hold, at the A. & M. College of this state, the Annual Home Demonstration Meeting on the second week in January.

A request has been received from the Agricultural College of Mississippi for the services of Mr. Frants P. Lund to give instructions in meat curing at this Annual Home Demonstration Meeting.

Perry county has received the first prize for her agricultural exhibit at the State fair. This exhibit represented the best products from 200 farmers and their wives.

The services of Mr. W. S. Copeland, Specialist in Agricultural Engineering, and Mr. W. G. McGowan, Dairy Specialist, have greatly strengthened the Extension Staff of this state.

NORTH CAROLINA.

A Short Course of sixteen weeks began on October 28th at the College of Agriculture and Engineering. This course is divided into two terms of eight weeks each. Farmers may enter at the beginning of either the fall or spring term.

Miss Madge Reese of this Office is requested by Mrs. McKimmon to stop over in Raleigh the first part of December and assist in the work of the State.

A course in Agriculture will also begin at West Raleigh on January 9th and continue for three weeks.

The North Carolina Livestock Association will hold their annual meetings and sales at Goldsboro, December 9 to 12. The opening day will be "Swine Day" and Mr. W. J. Carmichael, secretary of the National Swine Growers' Association will be the out-of-state speaker.

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NORTH CAROLINA.

The Official State Poultry Show will also be held at Goldsboro, December 9 to 12. The Farmers' Union will meet at Greensboro from December 10 to 11, inclusive. The Better Sires Campaign is being continued from November 15 to January 15, 1920.

OKLAHOMA.

The regular Annual Short Course in Dairying is being held at the A. & M. College of this state from November 10 to December 20.

Miss Chandler will hold throughout the month of January District meetings of about a week in length in each place. Miss Madge Reese will attend these meetings.

In January meetings of two or three days in length will be held at Stillwater. A few agents will attend each meeting. These meetings will be in the nature of round table discussions. The beautifying of the homes will be a subject of great importance and Miss Keown and Miss Reese are requested to be present and give their views on this work.

The Oklahoma State Grange will be held at Blackwell from December 16 to 18, inclusive. Each subordinate and Pomona Grange is expected to send two delegates, the state Grange paying the railroad fare.

The Farm Woman's Congress honored Oklahoma in the choice of Ella H. Arnote of Mayor county as vice-president and also a member of the Resolutions Committee, and Mrs. Ida F. Gigray of Keowa county was placed on the nominating committee.

The Annual meeting of the Oklahoma Thresherman's Association will be held at the Huckens hotel in Okla. City, February 3, 4, 5. John Scott, President.

A Demonstration kitchen for club members is being planned in Tulsa,

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Meeting of the Home Demonstration Agents will be held at Winthrop College from January 20 to 30, inclusive. An agent from each county of this state will be present. This meeting will be the first in which the new state agent, Miss Christine M. Smith will preside.

Dr. Bradford Knapp is urged to be present and make an address on the opening day. Miss Wessling of this Office will take an active part on January 22 & 23, the time set apart for food and nutrition days. She will be with Miss Marie White.

Professor O. B. Martin and Miss Ola Powell, after attending the Louisiana meeting, will proceed to the Home demonstration Meeting in this state.

Miss Madge Reese of this Office will be present at the Conference held at Aiken with the dairy women specialists and field workers. She will aid in making plans for the dairy exhibits and the program to be put on at the regular meeting of the Home Demonstration agents to be held at Winthrop College January 20 to 30.

Miss Reese will return to South Carolina for "Dairy Day" of the Annual State Meeting of Home Demonstration agents, making an address and putting on exhibit phases of the work on January 24, 1920.

TENNESSEE.

The Annual Short Course at the University of Tennessee will begin on January 2, and last six weeks.

The dairy products of Tennessee have been brought under the lime light by the 13th Annual National Dairy Show at Chicago. In the cheese exhibit of the South seven factories from Tennessee were represented and attracted much attention.

Mr. Wm. B. Mercier has returned to the Office after an absence of some days in Tennessee where he attended the Annual Conference of Extension workers and made an ad-

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dress the subject of which was "The Future of Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Work in the South".

The Annual meeting of the Tennessee Beef Cattle Breeders' Association will be held in Nashville on December 9 and 10.

Four meetings will be held to consider a permanent organization of the Middle Tennessee Farmers' Institute. The first meeting will be held at Cookeville on December 10th; the other three meetings are in 1920; the second at Tullahoma on March 1st; the third at Dickson on May 1st; and the fourth at Columbia on June 1st.

The counties of Tennessee have organized a Livestock Association for the purpose of improving the quality of the stock and securing better prices. This Association will be chartered under the laws of the state of Tennessee.

A Tennessee farmer of Montgomery county is loud in his praise of the improvement in farming under the advice of the expert county agent.

"Forty-eight short courses have been held in Tennessee this year. This work started five years ago in Van Buren county."

"Up to October 25th in Lauderdale county \$29,094.11 worth of livestock was sold net profits to the farmers above local price amounted to \$2,718.67."

TEXAS.

The Commercial Beekeepers Short Course will be held at San Antonio December 15 to 20. The lecturers to be present are Dr. E. F. Phillips, Mr. George S. Demuth and Dr. M. C. Tanquary, the state entomologist.

The Red River Valley Poultry Association will hold a show at Paris January 7 to 10. Mr. E. F. Morris, President.

Colonel Ousley writes that Texas is a self sustaining state and this is brought about by "diversified farming."

The National Nut Growers' Association has selected Austin as the Convention city for 1920.

The Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will be held at Fort Worth from March 10 to 15.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual State Meeting of County Agents is planned to be held at Blacksburg from December 9 to 19, inclusive. On December 15 to 18 a series of Demonstrations in Home Dairying will be held.

On December 18, at Blacksburg, Miss Madge Reese will present the various phases of the Home Demonstration Work and also put on a Milk Utilization exhibit.

Miss Wessling will give steam pressure canner Demonstrations on December 17 & 18.

The Annual meeting of the Boys' Club Workers will be held at Blacksburg December 8 to 13.

Miss Ella G. Agnew, Home Demonstration Agent and Assistant Director of the Extension Service has tendered her resignation and will become a member of the Y. M. C. A. forces. Her services will be found an uplift to any field of labor in which she is employed and it is with deep regret we see her leave her present work.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Farmers' Week, the Third Annual Conference of the Agricultural Extension Division and the West Virginia Federation of Farm Bureaus will be held at Morgantown from January 5 to 9, 1920. During this week a conference will be held each day from 2 to

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WEST VIRGINIA. (Cont'd.)

4 p.m. Noted speakers present: Dr. Bradford Knapp, Governor John J. Cornwell, Mr. C. J. Galpin and Mr. C. R. Titlow. Please register at room 204, Oglebay Hall.

Miss Wessling of this office will be present with Miss Wilmot and give a demonstration on the use of steam pressure in cooking.

"As a result of the meeting of officials from West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland with the Federal Horticultural Board of the U. S. to consider the potato wart disease, it is announced that the state authorities of this state will take steps to assist the gardeners in the infected regions in the purchase of varieties of seed known to be immune."
